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In re Patent Application of:
Kadouche et al.

Application No.: 10/560,947

Group Art Unit: 1644

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For: AUTOMATIC LARGE-SCALE SCREENING
OF CELLS SECRETING MONOCLONAL
ANTIBODIES

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Communication mailed March 28, 2008, setting forth an Election of Species Requirement in the above-identified application.

In the Communication, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 8-9, 32-35 and 37, drawn to an automated method for *in vitro* screening, wherein there are prior steps of bringing a dendritic cell(s) and a compound of interest (antigen) into contact, immunizing an animal(s) with the contacted dendritic cells, and recovering antibody producing cells from the immunized animal(s); and

II. Claims 38-40 and 44-48, drawn to an automated method for *in vitro* screening, wherein there is use of a prescreening module.

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The Communication indicates that claims 1-7, 10-31, 36, and 41-43 are generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, corresponding to claims 38-40 and 44-48. Thus, claims that read on the elected species include claims 1-7, 10-31, 36, and 38-48. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

This election is made without traverse.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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